

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 363), Baucus (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2926 (to Amendment No. 2786), to protect home health benefits. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to).

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Withdrawn:

By 41 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 364), Johannis motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn).

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute.

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Lincoln Amendment No. 2905 (to Amendment No. 2786), to modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same level as the salary of the President of the United States.

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Ensign Amendment No. 2927 (to Amendment No. 2786), relative to limitation on amount of attorneys contingency fees.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 6, 2009, and that the time until 3:15 p.m. be for de-

bate with respect to Lincoln Amendment No. 2905 (listed above), and Ensign Amendment No. 2927 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the Majority controlling the first 60 minutes and the Republicans controlling the next 60 minutes; that at 3:15 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Lincoln Amendment No. 2905 (listed above), that upon disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on or in relation to Ensign Amendment No. 2927 (listed above); that all of the amendments and motions covered in this agreement be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold and that if any achieve it, then they be agreed to; that if they do not achieve that threshold, then they be withdrawn; that prior to the votes there be two minutes of debate; that after the first vote, each succeeding votes be limited to ten minutes each; provided further, that no other motion be in order, except a motion to reconsider a vote with respect to the above referenced amendments; provided further, that no motions or amendments be in order prior to the 3:15 p.m. votes on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—364)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12521.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.